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For: IMAGE COMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE DEPRESSION APPARATUS
AND METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

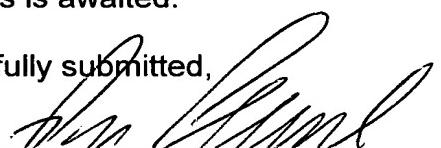
In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005, Applicants hereby elect species 1 shown by Figures 1-8, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-6, 10-13 and 16-19 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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